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**Subject:** RE: Michigan City coal ash

Hello Ms Frank,

Happy New Year to you too! Thank you for your letter and email dated January 4th regarding the Michigan City Generating Station in Indiana and the information included with that letter and email. We appreciate your concerns and want to assure you that we are monitoring the situation closely. In addition, we are working with IDEM to ensure potential risks at the facility are identified, characterized and addressed appropriately. As part of those efforts, IDEM requested additional information from the facility through a letter dated November 3rd, 2021 and representatives of IDEM and EPA conducted a facility tour last November 5th, which included an observation of the sheet piling. Through the letter and during that visit, IDEM requested information including, but not limited to, better characterization of fill material behind the sheet piling and elevation data from NIPSCO. Region 5 also has requested, and is close to obtaining, contract dollars to support IDEM's Corrective Action activities at the site. These contract dollars may be used to support an investigation of the risk posed by the materials behind the sheet piling and the integrity of the sheet piling itself. The facility continues to be subject to RCRA corrective action under IDEM's authorized program and EPA continues to coordinate with and provide technical support to IDEM during that process. We are certainly open to meeting with you at a mutually agreeable time. Please contact Yesenia (cc'd) to schedule one.

Sincerely,  
Ed

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Dear Mr. Nam,

I hope you have enjoyed a good holiday season.

The attached letter from the Hoosier Environmental Council, Earthjustice, and Just Transition Northwest Indiana requests that the EPA ensure complete removal of the coal ash at the Michigan City Generating Station in Indiana because it poses **an imminent and substantial endangerment**.

Along with reading the letter, please view the following 5-and-1/2-minute video which clearly illustrates the risk of a spill at the Michigan City site:

<https://youtu.be/ZfBt64aC8Vc>

From the video you can see the steel sheet pile wall holding the ash is corroding, damaged and absolutely no deterrent to even the smallest waves that continue to crest the outer wall unceasingly.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and would appreciate a reply within 21 days.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

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Thank you for your kind support of HEC's work!